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## **Summary of PM<sub>10</sub> Data**

**Collected at Coal Hollow Mine, Utah**

**During the Fourth Quarter, 2013**

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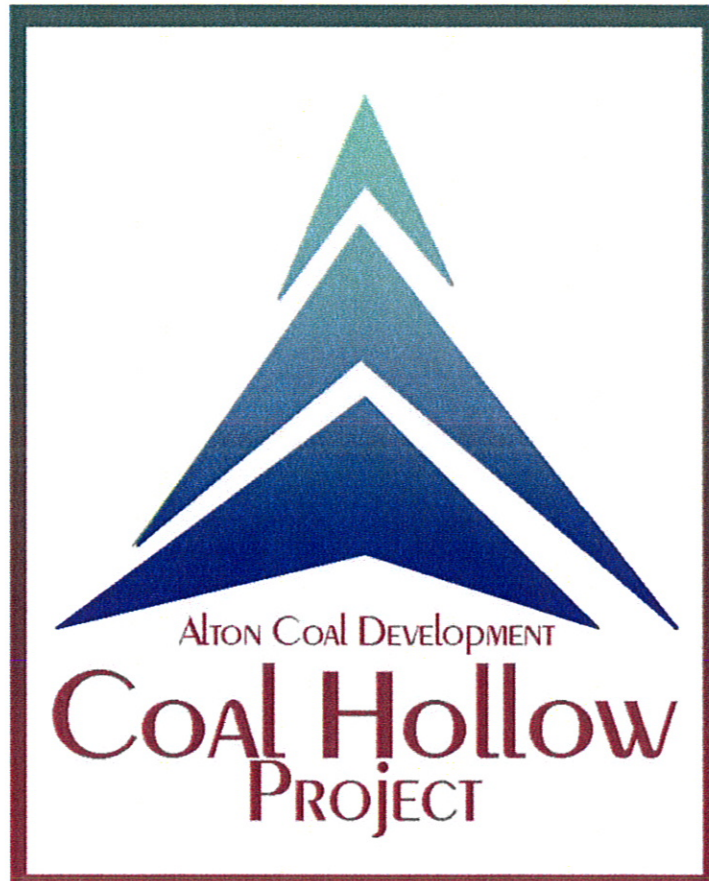
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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report summarizes measurements of Particulate Matter less than 10 microns nominal aerodynamic diameter (PM<sub>10</sub>) collected and processed by Alton Coal Development, LLC, (ACD) from the three monitoring stations located at the Coal Hollow Mine Facility in Alton, Utah. Monitoring for PM<sub>10</sub> is a condition of the mines operating permit.

PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring at the site consists of three BGI PQ200 PM<sub>10</sub> monitors run by solar power. Figure 2 of this report shows the approximate locations of the monitoring locations. The BGI PQ200 monitors are EPA Reference Method monitors and are operated on the National Particulate 1-in-6 Monitoring Schedule. The data summarized herein covers the data collected during the fourth quarter of 2013.

## 2.0 SITE LOCATION

The Coal Hollow Mine is located in Kane County, Utah, approximately three miles southeast of the town of Alton, Utah. Figure I on the following page gives an overview of the site location. Specifically the Coal Hollow Mine is located in Sections 19, 20, 29, and 30 of Township 39S, Range 5W; with an approximate facility location of:

Northing: 41401699 meters

Easting: 371534 meters

Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Datum NAD27, Zone 12

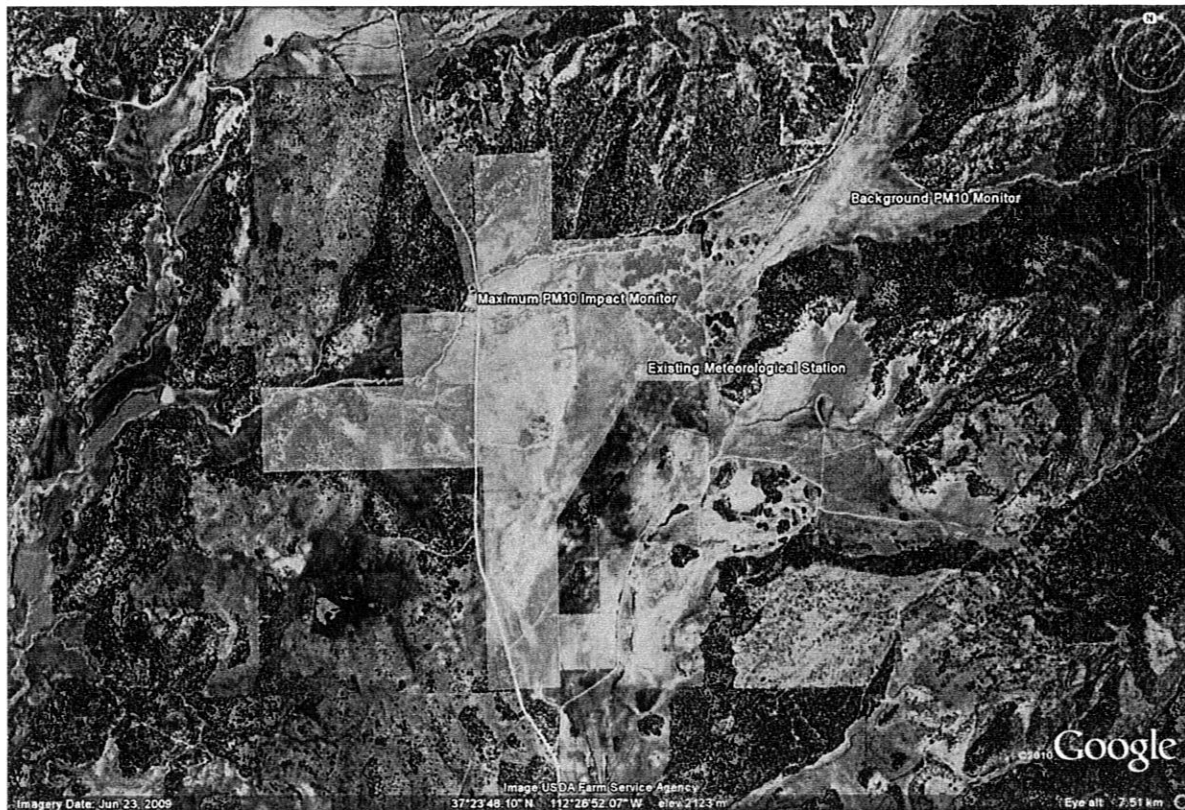
The two monitoring locations as depicted in Figure 2, are located in positions to collect both background and maximum PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations. The background monitor has a manufactures serial #962, therefore this monitor will be referred as monitor 962A. The compliance monitor has a manufactures serial #963, therefore this monitor will be referred as monitor 963B. The co-located monitor has a manufactures serial #964, therefore this monitor will be referred as monitor 964C. The compliance monitor and the co-located monitor coordinates are 37° 24' 5.04" North Latitude, 112° 27' 20.91" West Longitude, WGS84 Datum. The background monitor coordinates are 37° 24' 21.96" North Latitude, 112° 25' 59.97" West Longitude, WGS84 Datum.



This topographic map shows the Alton area, including the town of Alton and the Alton River. The map features contour lines indicating elevation, with peaks reaching over 6000 feet. A red-shaded area, labeled "Equipment Area", is located in the center of the map. To the right of this area, a red-shaded area is labeled "Mining Areas (approximate)". The map also shows various creeks, including Kenah Creek, and a road labeled "Broad". A north arrow is present in the upper right corner. The map is overlaid with a grid showing coordinates such as T40S and R6W.



Figure 2 - Satellite View of Monitoring Locations



### 3.0 AIR QUALITY DATA SUMMARIES

A listing of the measured  $PM_{10}$  concentrations for the quarter are presented in Appendix B (individual data sheets are provided on the enclosed disk in the PDF version of Appendix B) and Field Data Sheets generated during the collection of each sample are presented in Appendix D. Measurements were collected during a 24-hour periods and represent the average  $PM_{10}$  concentration during the midnight to midnight data collection cycle. As required by the operating permit, duplicate measurements were made with Sampler #963B (designated as a compliance monitor) and Sampler #964C (designated as a co-located sampler) to the extent possible. The #964C monitor continues to have problems, ACD is in contact working with the manufacture (BGI) to diagnose and resolve issues with this monitor. Once the #964C monitor fails again, the monitor will be returned to the manufacture with the error codes generated during the failed run and necessary repairs made. The quarterly mean  $PM_{10}$  concentration and the comparison of measured concentrations to standards are based on measurements from the primary Sampler #963B. If a measurement from Sampler #963B was missing or invalid, the measurement from the secondary Sampler #964C would be used.

The highest 24-hour mean  $PM_{10}$  concentrations measured during the quarter from the two monitoring locations are summarized in Table I, Table II, and Table III. The three highest

concentrations, # of valid samples, and the arithmetic mean concentrations from each of the sites are listed. All measured PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations were below the 24-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) of 150 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Table I - Summary of Measured PM<sub>10</sub> Concentrations (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)  
Background Monitor - 962A**

RANK	DATE	PM <sub>10</sub> CONCENTRATION
Highest	11/18/2013	7.8
2 <sup>nd</sup> Highest	10/07/2013	6.8
Monthly Mean	10/1/13-10/31/13	5.8
Monthly Mean	11/1/13-11/30/13	3.1
Monthly Mean	12/1/13-12/31/13	2.1
Quarterly Mean	10/1/13-12/31/13 (16 valid samples)	3.8

**Table II - Summary of Measured PM<sub>10</sub> Concentrations (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)  
Compliance Monitor - 963B**

RANK	DATE	PM <sub>10</sub> CONCENTRATION
Highest	10/01/2013	68.2
2 <sup>nd</sup> Highest	11/12/2013	44.1
Monthly Mean	10/1/13-10/31/13	29.4
Monthly Mean	11/1/13-11/30/13	20.9
Monthly Mean	12/1/13-12/31/13	29.2
Quarterly Mean	10/1/13-12/31/13 (16 valid samples)	26.7

**Table III - Summary of Measured PM<sub>10</sub> Concentrations (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)**  
**Compliance Monitor – 964C**

RANK	DATE	PM <sub>10</sub> CONCENTRATION
Highest	11/12/2013	49.9
2 <sup>nd</sup> Highest	11/18/2013	43.2
Monthly Mean	10/1/13-10/31/13	14.8
Monthly Mean	11/1/13-11/30/13	24.3
Monthly Mean	12/1/13-12/31/13	14.7
Quarterly Mean	10/1/13-12/31/13 (8 valid samples)	19.0

**Table IV – Mean Quarterly and Monthly Wind Speed**

	4th Quarter 2013	October	November	December
Mean Wind Speed (m/s)	2.05*	2.58	0.98*	2.56

\*Wind sensor failed affecting mean wind Speed for November and  
for the quarter.

## **4.0 DATA RECOVERY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE**

### **4.1 Data Recovery**

#### Monitor 962A

Monitor 962A collected 16 of the 16 samples during the quarter. The percent recovery for this quarter is 100%.

#### Monitor 963B

Monitor 963B collected 16 of the 16 samples during the quarter. The percent recovery for this quarter is 100%.

#### Monitor 964C

Monitor 964C collected 9 of the 16 samples during the quarter. The percent recovery for this quarter is 56%. For the sample dates of Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> the monitor was disabled while the mother board was sent out for repairs. For the sample dates of Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> data was not collected due to the monitor malfunctioning; run time was approximately 3 minutes to 17:55 hrs before the machine malfunctioned.

The PM<sub>10</sub> data recoveries for the three monitoring stations are presented below:

**Table V - Summary of Data Recovery**

SAMPLER	POSSIBLE SAMPLES	VALID SAMPLES	PERCENT DATA RECOVERY
962A	16	16	100%
963B	16	16	100%
964C	16	9	56%

## **4.2 Quality Assurance**

Quality assurance procedures utilized to verify the integrity of the measured PM<sub>10</sub> data included the following:

1. Review of PM<sub>10</sub> precision measurements based upon duplicate, collocated measurements.
2. Independent quarterly audits of the PM<sub>10</sub> samplers.
3. Monthly zero and single point flow rate checks of the PM<sub>10</sub> samplers.

### **4.2.1 Precision of PM<sub>10</sub> Measurements**

The precision of the PM<sub>10</sub> measurements was determined from the duplicate samples collected from the collocated BGI PQ200 Monitors 963B and 964C. As recommended in *40 CFR, Part 58, Appendix A, Section 5.3.1*, PM<sub>10</sub> precision checks are reported for instances when the concentrations for duplicate samples both exceed 3 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. Duplicate samples that did not meet this condition were omitted for the purposes of the precision checks. Appendix



C, of this report summarizes precision calculations between the compliance monitor and the co-located monitor. Monthly flow rate verification data is also summarized in Appendix C.

Precision calculations were developed based on 6 valid pairs of co-located monitoring data during the quarter. Single point precision based on *40 CFR, Part 58, Appendix A Equation 10* ranged from -13.1% to 34.3%. The aggregate coefficient of variability (CV) calculated in accordance with *40 CFR, Part 58, Appendix A Equation 11* is 27.4%. This value is above the 10% goal for aggregate CV. The value for the quarter CV was significantly impacted by the absence of data from the 964C monitor during malfunctions reducing the number of pairs for comparison. Four of the six values exceeded the 10%. ACD will continue to investigate other causes that may have an effect on the correlation of precision calculations.

#### 4.2.2 Audit Results

The accuracy of the PM<sub>10</sub> sampler flows was verified by a performance audit conducted by Air Resource Specialist on October 30, 2013. A copy of the audit report is presented in Appendix E and is summarized in Table VI. The audit results indicate that the two samplers were operating properly, the collocated monitor was out for repairs.

**Table VI - Audit Summary**

SAMPLER	AUDIT % DIFFERENCE	LIMIT*	DESIGN % DIFFERENCE	LIMIT*
962A	-5.1	±4%	5.4	± 5%
963B	-1.2	±4%	1.2	± 5%
964C	1.5	±4%	-1.4	± 5%
*Values between ± 7% and ± 10% require recalibration but no data are invalidated.				

#### 4.2.3 Zero and Single Point Flow Rate Checks

Zero and single-point flow rate verifications are performed by a site technician on a monthly basis. The data was then input into a statistical calculator to calculate percent difference and bias between each of the monitors and the monthly single point flow rate measured by a NIST traceable calibration orifice. The calculator used is called the “Data Assessment Statistical Calculator” DASC Tool. DASC was developed for the data user community and can be found in the Precision and Accuracy Reporting System within the Quality Assurance section of

EPA's Ambient Monitoring Technology Information System. This data is presented in Appendix C of this report.